

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

#### **Call to Order:**

**CHAIRMAN WANDA GRINDE**, on January 12, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present:**

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Russell Bean (R)  
Rep. Paul Beck (D)  
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)  
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)  
Rep. Dee Brown (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary  
Jeremy Gersovitz, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 169, 1/7/2009; HJ 6, 1/7/2009

00:07:35 Chairman Grinde

**HEARING ON HB 169**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:16 REP. ROBIN HAMILTON (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on  
HB 169, Clarify state payment of tuition for homeless  
students.

**Proponents:**

00:10:22 Joan Anderson, Office of Public Instruction

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh06a01)

00:16:50 Chairman Grinde

**Opponents:**

Letter from David Ewer, Office of Budget and Program Planning

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh06a02)

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:13 Rep Malek  
00:18:47 Ms. Anderson  
00:19:23 Rep. Malek  
00:19:44 Ms. Anderson  
00:21:32 Chairman Grinde  
00:21:36 Rep. Brown  
00:21:54 Ms. Anderson  
00:22:04 Rep. Brown  
00:22:18 Ms. Anderson  
00:22:49 Rep. Brown  
00:23:12 Ms. Anderson  
00:24:30 Chairman Grinde  
00:24:34 Rep. Lake  
00:24:50 Ms. Anderson  
00:25:27 Rep. Lake  
00:26:07 Ms. Anderson  
00:26:32 Rep. Lake  
00:26:51 Ms. Anderson  
00:27:01 Rep. Lake  
00:27:56 Ms. Anderson  
00:28:57 Rep. Lake  
00:29:24 Ms. Anderson  
00:29:32 Rep. Bean

00:29:43 Ms. Anderson  
00:29:47 Rep. Bean  
00:30:03 Ms. Anderson  
00:31:17 Rep. Bean  
00:31:28 Ms. Anderson  
00:31:57 Rep. Bean  
00:32:09 Ms. Anderson  
00:32:13 Chairman Grinde  
00:32:17 Rep. Brown  
00:32:35 Ms. Anderson  
00:32:48 Chairman Grinde  
00:32:53 Rep. Wilmer  
00:33:07 Ms. Anderson  
00:33:25 Rep. Wilmer  
00:33:33 Ms. Anderson  
00:33:59 Rep. Wilmer  
00:34:09 Ms. Anderson  
00:34:31 Chairman Grinde  
00:34:36 Rep. Wagner  
00:35:20 Ms. Anderson  
00:37:04 Rep. Wagner  
00:37:23 Ms. Anderson  
00:37:51 Rep. Wagner  
00:38:21 Ms. Anderson  
00:40:08 Rep. Brown  
00:40:36 Ms. Anderson  
00:40:53 Rep. Boniek  
00:41:13 Ms. Anderson  
00:41:47 Rep. Boniek  
00:42:03 Ms. Anderson  
00:43:01 Rep. Wagner  
00:43:27 Ms. Anderson  
00:43:53 Rep. Wagner  
00:45:37 Ms. Anderson  
00:46:02 Chairman Grinde  
00:46:05 Rep. Lake  
00:47:09 Rep. Malek  
00:47:39 Rep. Hamilton  
00:47:59 Chairman Grinde

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:48:09 Rep. Hamilton  
00:49:42 Chairman Grinde

00:50:11 Jan Lombardi, Governor's Office

**EXHIBIT (edh06a03)**

01:13:37 Chairman Grinde  
01:13:46 Rep. Brown  
01:14:18 Ms. Lombardi

01:15:32 Rep. Brown  
01:15:54 Ms. Lombardi  
01:15:58 Rep. Butcher  
01:18:17 Ms. Lombardi  
01:20:02 Rep. Bean  
01:20:23 Rep. Wagner  
01:24:17 Ms. Lombardi  
01:24:48 Rep. Boniek  
01:25:08 Ms. Lombardi  
01:26:08 Rep. Malek  
01:27:02 Ms. Lombardi  
01:28:45 Rep. Malek  
01:29:47 Ms. Anderson  
01:30:37 Rep. Brown  
01:31:32 Rep. Malek  
01:32:39 Rep. Butcher  
01:35:22 Ms. Lombardi  
01:35:28 Rep. Lake  
01:37:14 Rep. Brown  
01:38:18 Rep. Wagner  
01:43:11 Ms. Lombardi  
01:44:59 Chairman Grinde

**HEARING ON HJ 6**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:45:15 **REP. BOB LAKE (R), HD 88**, opened the hearing on **HJ 6**,  
Urge development of K-12 education shared policy goals.

**Proponents:**

01:50:42 Bob Runkel, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Office of  
Public Instruction  
01:52:00 Rep. Hamilton

**Opponents:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:53:25 Rep. Lake  
01:54:13 Chairman Grinde

01:55:09 Rep. Beck

01:55:20 Chairman Grinde

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([edh06aad.pdf](#))**